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Philosophy of Ministry

General Statement: My desire is to fulfill the calling the Lord has laid upon my life in whatever avenue He provides. My ministry is primarily of the Word and prayer, as a pastor, within the context of any, doctrinally sound, local church that is driven by a deep commitment to the centrality of the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, advancing the Gospel, glorifying God, and exalting Christ. I would like to provide you with a brief explanation of my philosophy of ministry and the things I believe to be of vital importance. Each subject heading begins with the adjective “biblical” because I believe the Bible is our “sole authority for faith *and* practice.”

Biblical Preaching: I am committed to honoring God, in the ministry of His Word, through expositional preaching. I believe God’s people benefit most from consistent exposition over an extended period of time. I believe the goal of preaching is the, simultaneous glory and worship of God, the declaration of the Gospel, and the transformation of His people into the image of Christ.

Biblical Worship: I am committed to God-honoring worship. I believe the church’s music should be theologically sound and I am passionate about corporate worship in which the Lord’s people are engaged in God-honoring, Christ-exalting, Spirit-empowered song, an emphasis on prayer, the public reading of Scripture, and God-glorifying expositional preaching.

Biblical Spirituality: I am committed to the pursuit of a vibrant faith, both in myself and those I lead. I believe seeking God through Scripture reading, memorization, and prayer, is vital, both personally and corporately, as we all walk the journey of sanctification.

Biblical Discipleship: I am committed to a deep faith, developed through intentional discipleship. I believe this should lead to a more intimate faith which works itself out in love and service to one another and the expansion of the Kingdom as every believer grows in maturity.

Biblical Ministry: I am committed to an active and visible ministry, both in myself and those I lead. I believe God has gifted each believer for Kingdom work which will evidence His grace and benefit the body. Whether to the homeless, widows, orphans, or those in more temporary need, I desire to respond with compassion by meeting physical needs while taking every opportunity to share the life-giving Gospel.

Biblical Evangelism: I am committed to personally share the Gospel, as well as see God’s people encouraged and equipped to do so. Every Christian has both a calling and a sphere of influence in which they can actively share the Gospel. It is necessary for God’s people to share the message of Christ, without which the lost have no hope.

Biblical Missions: I am committed to a passionate devotion to both going on mission and supporting it. I believe it is every believer’s, and every local church’s, responsibility to participate in local and foreign missions to the best of their ability, whether through going, supporting financially, or prayer.